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Creighton Addresses Ebola Concerns

AUSTIN, TEXAS (October 9, 2014) . . . Senator Brandon Creighton (R – Conroe) has been following the recent developments in the Ebola scare that has been gripping the United States and Texas in particular in recent weeks. Creighton said, “I applaud Governor Perry for his leadership on this issue and for creating the Task Force on Infectious Disease to make sure that Texans are prepared and informed when an infectious disease has been detected in our state. “

The United States Centers for Disease Control has said that only 1 case of Ebola has been diagnosed in the United States in Dallas, Texas. The patient was treated under quarantine until his recent passing, and others who had contact with the man since his return to the United States have also been monitored for any development of symptoms. In addition, another American was diagnosed in West Africa and has since been flown to Nebraska under quarantine for treatment.

In order to combat any potential outbreak from the state level, Governor Perry has issued an executive order creating The Texas Task Force on Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response. The Task Force will consist of various health care leaders and experts as well as the heads of other state agencies expected to respond in such an outbreak scenario. The objective of the Task Force will be to assess and enhance the state's existing capabilities to prepare for and respond to pandemic diseases. They will issue written reports due December 1, 2014 and February 1, 2015 regarding their findings and recommendations.

"I have the utmost faith in the Centers for Disease Control and Texas medical personnel who are monitoring this situation," said Creighton. "I have no doubt our doctors and nurses will work with the Governor and the CDC to make sure this disease does not have a chance to spread."

The following are precautions urged by the Centers of Disease Control which will greatly reduce the chance of any spreading of the virus: wash your hands often with soap and water or alcohol based hand sanitizers; do not touch the blood or bodily fluids of those who are sick; do not handle items that have come into contact with an infected person's blood or bodily fluid; do not touch the body of someone who has died from Ebola.

The CDC has also suggested that if a person believes they have come into contact with an infected person to consult their healthcare professional who can evaluate their level of risk, make recommendations, and monitor any developments. Also monitor your own symptoms for 21 days; if any develop in that time period, seek immediate medical help.

For further information from the CDC, please visit <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/>

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